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CCACS Dedicates New Operations Center

The annual meeting of the Center for Commercial Applications of Combustion in Space (CCACS) was held on the Colorado School of Mines

campus Sept. 21 and 22, 2000. There were 76 participants registered, a record number, from industry, academia and government. Talks were given on eight of the active CCACS projects, each of which included presentations on business plans, technical progress and flight opportunities where

appropriate. The papers will be posted on the Mines web site in the near future.

The keynote address was given by Mark Uhran, Director of the commercialization directorate from NASA Headquarters in Washington. He presented the newly developed pricing plan for non-subsidized commercial activities aboard ISS and gave the group an update on plans for utilization management through a non governmental organization. Astronaut Bonnie Dunbar gave a special lecture on Friday to 250 faculty and students from across the campus of the Colorado School of Mines.

The new CCACS Payload Development and Operations Center (PDOC) was dedicated Sept. 21 in conjunction with the CCACS Annual Meeting. The new center will make it possible for CCACS faculty and graduate students to receive real-time data from their experiments, including voice and video, and to communicate with the astronauts who are conducting the experiments.

The PDOC will be connected directly to the Huntsville Operations Support Cen-

ter (HOSC), which will be in communication with the International Space Station. The PDOC was officially dedicated by Colorado School of Mines President John U. Trefny. Astronaut Bonnie Dunbar and Code UM Director Mark Uhran, who were attending the CCACS annual meeting, also spoke at the dedication. The PDOC is expected to be fully operational after the first of the year.

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Astronaut Bonnie Dunbar gave a special lecture at the CCACS meeting

Prospecting Memories

The Student Board of Publications is currently reviewing applications for the 2000-2001 Prospector editor-in-chief. The people who will work under the new editor-in-chief will likely come from the Oredigger staff. These students feel that they are already poised and ready for things to move quickly once an editor-in-chief has been confirmed.

According to Faisal Hashem, current business manager of the Oredigger, there are five critical components for a successful yearbook: structure, photo discretion, business, availability, and student feedback.

Structure is an administrative function involving clearly defined objectives adhering to realistic goals and schedules.

Photo discretion means that the book needs to be photographically laid out so that it re-

flects the scope of the campus. All students, clubs, and departments should have the opportunity to be included. "The photography team should always have their finger on the pulse of campus life. They should constantly track Mines activities and programs," said Hashem.

The third critical factor is a dedicated business structure in the background. If the Prospector can secure win-win situations with advertisers, it can lower the cost to the students. "Many businesses in my experiences, like to work with CSM. They enjoy being an influence in the students' growth and future," assured Hashem.

Availability will happen as a result of the other issues, but accessibility is not a given. The Prospector will have to place itself in a broader prominence. The yearbook should be available in a va-

riety of places, through a variety of methods and in a timely manner. "Availability and prominence are the key."

The most critical factor is student interest. When students have a say, they develop a vested interest. Students should be aware that their idea of what should go in the book is valuable, solicited, and appreciated.

"I'm not judging the past Prospectors, I'm just commenting on what I believe are the critical factors for a quality yearbook production" emphasized Faisal Hashem. "The yearbook is going to increase in size. It's going from less than 50 pages to almost 130 pages." It is the Oredigger staff's hope that the Prospector will be such a quality product in terms of satisfying a real need, that more students, faculty and staff will buy the books.

Flu Shot Delay

Marian Rohrer, RN
Director, Student Health

Many of you have been asking when flu shots will be available. The answer? We don't know. Ideally we like to start flu shots in early to mid-October. This year, however, there is a nation-wide delay in the production of the flu vaccine. This is a DELAY, not a shortage. At this point, we don't know when the flu vaccine will arrive, (hopefully by mid-November) but here's what I can tell you:

Flu shots will be available free to students who have paid the Health Center fee.

It is not helpful to you or to us for you to call the Health Center to ask when the shots will be

available. As soon as we know when they're available, we will put notices up around campus, and will put another notice in the Oredigger!

We order plenty of vaccine and give it to students until its gone. The last two years, we did not run out of vaccine. So, don't feel that you have to get the shot the first few days its available. You may want to wait a few days and avoid the long lines at the Health Center. And, please remember to wear short sleeves on the day you come in for your shot!

Again, we'll let you know more as soon as we have additional information.

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Crime at Mines

Erin McLeod

Email Stalking

A female Mines student recently has received threatening emails. One email stated, "I've been sitting here for a long time just thinking about you. I can't wait until we finally meet. Don't worry, you won't have to wait much longer. Yours, eternally, Me." A second message had the subject line, "I had a dream" and the body of the message read "It was of you. And your red curly hair." Both messages had the same sender. The female does not know anyone of the name by which the emails were sent and she has no idea who could have sent them. The email service that the sender used has been sent an email asking what action must be taken to discover the perpetrator. The case is still active.

Love Triangle

On Sept. 26, it was reported to the police that one of the

grounds workers at CSM was allegedly subjected to verbal and physical harassment by the former boyfriend of his girlfriend. The grounds worker was on the IM fields when the ex-boyfriend allegedly drove up in his truck and began to verbally harass the worker. The former boyfriend then began to push the worker and threaten him to stay away from his ex-girlfriend. When the former boyfriend was contacted, he maintained that he did not physically touch the worker and that the worker in fact had instigated the confrontation. Police warned the former boyfriend to stay away from the worker. No criminal charges were pressed on either man.

Female Arrested

On Sept. 28, police approached a parked vehicle that was occupied by a male and a female. The driver was con-

tacted by police and asked for identification. The male claimed that he had not been drinking but the female would not give a response. Police cleared both parties through Golden Police Dispatch and the female came back with an outstanding warrant for Failure to Appear with a \$200 bond. The female was placed in to custody and the male paid her bond of \$200.

Tip-Off

Dean Cheuvront received an unsigned letter on Oct. 4, through the US mail. The letter alleged that a petite female with short, blond hair, who drives an older model Toyota Corolla delivers a package containing marijuana to the owner of an older model Ford pickup in the parking lot of the Sigma Phi Epsilon house on Wednesday or Thursday evenings. License plate numbers were given. The numbers

were checked through the DMV and it was found that the Ford PK is driven by a CSM student. The petite female is not listed as a student. Neither party has a criminal history. The area was placed under surveillance until 7:00pm on Oct. 4 but nobody was observed committing an offense.

Change Machine Vandalized

The change machine in the vending machine area of Alderson Hall was allegedly burglarized on Oct. 4. A police officer was patrolling the area when he noticed that the lock on the machine looked strange. He pulled on it and it popped open. There were no visible signs of forced entry around the machine. The money boxes were inventoried and the machine was inspected for fingerprints. The Aramark vending machine company was contacted but it is not yet

known if a burglary has occurred.

Four Tickets You're Out

Parking at Mines will become a little more difficult in the next few months. Police say that starting soon, if you receive more than four parking tickets, even if you pay them, your car will be booted and you will lose your privilege to park your car on campus. If this happens to you, you must pay a fee before you will be re-registered to park on campus. Police say this move is being made because some people find the \$10-\$25 fine for a parking ticket a justified price to pay to park in a forbidden zone for the day.

Statistic of the Week

For the two week period of Sept. 23 to Oct. 6 police issued 309 parking tickets for a total of \$4115 if all fines are paid.

Madness on the Mountain

On Friday, Sept. 23 and Saturday, Sept. 24 the fifth annual "Mines Madness" bike race took place. More than 250 riders raced despite the arctic temperatures and snow, and more than \$700 dollars was raised for the Children's Miracle Network of Denver.

"Mines Madness" is a bike race set up by a group of 30-40 students who receive EPICS II credit for their work. Most of them don't have much, if any, experience with biking or bike races, so it becomes a humbling experience.

The race consisted of a cross-country race, a dual slalom, and a street race. This year the class decided to open the race to collegiate and professional riders, as well as to the general public. The cross-country race was a six-mile course at Bear Creek.

More than 200 riders came out at 8:00 am on a Saturday to ride in the mud. The course was so muddy that 10 riders were forced to quit before they completed the course, and two fin-

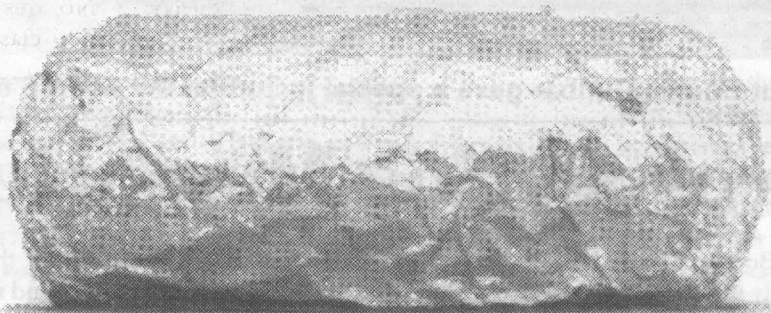
ished with a single pedal!

Later that day a dual slalom race was planned at Thunder Valley. During the trial runs, however, the tires would accumulate too much mud and get stuck to the frame, long before they reached the end of the course. This led to some pretty funny spills, and eventually to the cancellation of that stage of the race.

The next day, despite the snow, the street race took place through Golden. More than 50 riders raced in the sub-50° weather through the Colorado School of Mines campus. The fanaticism of the racers even caught the attention of the 9:00 news.

Mines Madness 2000 has been the most successful race in its five-year history, and has great potential to continue its popularity. Everyone involved should be proud of their efforts. Anyone interested in organizing Mines Madness 2001 should contact the EPICS office as soon as possible because the class space is limited.

Students, please check at the cashiers window to see if you have a refund check. There are hundreds that need to be picked up! You can check your account on the web to see if you have a check. Do not call the cashier - stop by in person!



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Watercolors Featured at Foothills Gallery

For 27 years, the Foothills Art Center, located just behind the Green Center (at 15th Street and Washington Avenue) has mounted a national competitive watermedia exhibition, the Rocky Mountain National Watermedia Exhibition. Cited as one of the top four such shows in the nation by the national art press, the show is juried by a top U.S. artist and awards \$20,000 in prize money to artists selected by the juror.

More than 100 visitors a day are terming the show "awesome" and "the best ever." Admission is always free, and hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. The show runs through Oct. 22.

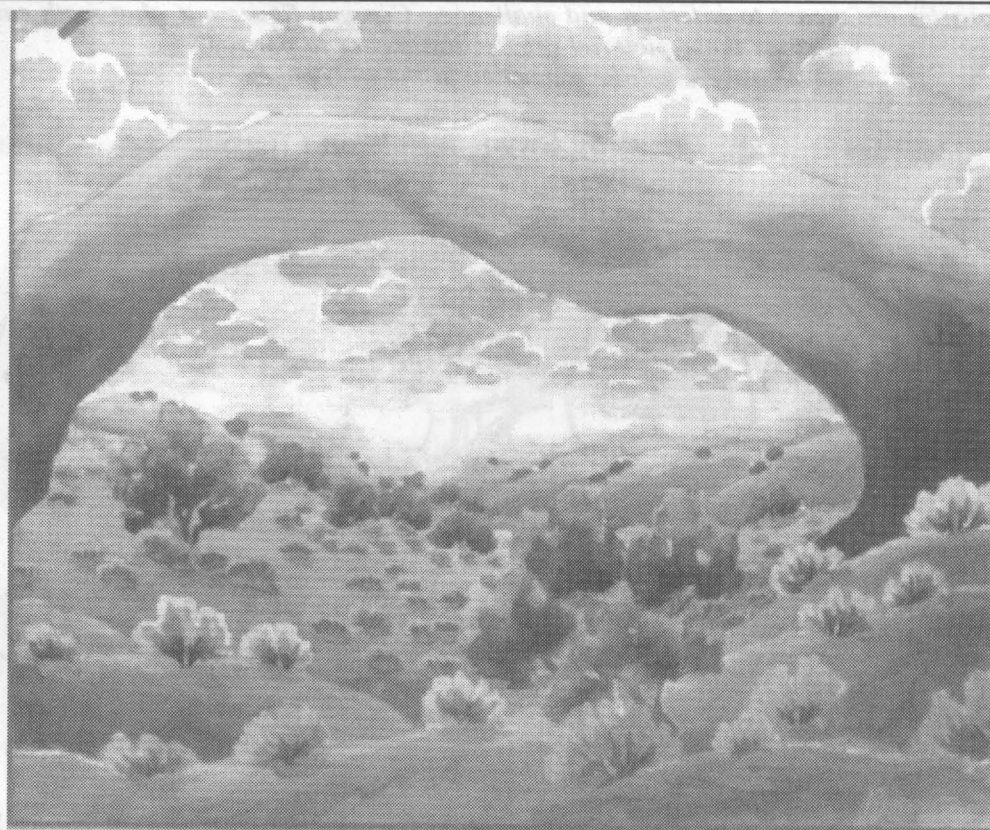
The Art Center, named "best art gallery in Colorado" by *The Denver Post* and Channel 4's Doug Whitehead in 1998, 1999 and 2000, especially welcomes interaction with CSM students.

A new student membership fee of \$5 has been instituted.

Students can drop in at the Center, pick up a membership card and take home a beautiful new exhibition poster free. The image is a rock arch lit by a setting sun soaring expanse of sagebrush and pine painted by Pam Furumo.

Membership of Foothills Art Gallery receive invitations to all preview parties—usually held on Friday nights with opportunities to meet exhibiting artists and load up on good hors d'oeuvres. Members also receive discounts at the year-round gift shop located next door to the gallery and at the holiday art market November and December. Student members also receive special notice of free programs, art classes and workshops (which are also discounted to members).

"CSM students, you are our neighbors," says gallery director Carol Dickenson. "We would love to have you as members. And your new poster is a Foothills exclusive worthy of framing."



This image is on the poster that students can receive as a gift for joining the Foothills Art Center. The painting was done by Pam Furumo.

Miners Discover Spies at Elvis Theater

Agata Miodonski

You are getting sleepy... very sleepy... your eyelids are so heavy..." No, this isn't one of your morning classes — it's an

Faisal Hashem said. "She had one young man from CU believing he was an exotic female dancer and to show the men in the audience what he could do. Naturally, he picked a Mines student, me, to show his stuff. He gave me a lapdance!"

Another thing Horton did was to convince her group that they were secret agents. They received calls on their shoe phones from

incredibly impressionable — was literally on top of the guy next to him, sniffing away."

At another point in the show, Horton made her hypnotized entertainers think they were Martian delegates who came to Earth to talk to the audience, the greeting scientists. Mike Thornbrue was their Martian translator, speaking to the audience in his "native" tongue. "I never knew Martian had so many z's!" Hashem explained to Thornbrue, who remembered none of this. "Thank you very much" is "Zazu," and "Please have a seat," is "Baka, baka, baka."



Faisal Hashem got a lap dance

amazing hypnosis show. Golden's own spellbinding Cody Horton puts on a comedy hypnosis show every Saturday evening at Kipling and Bowles in the Elvis Cinemas theater.

She recently put on a show that was attended by a group of about a dozen Mines students.

Horton got about eight people from the audience, three of whom were from Mines, to go up on stage to entertain the rest of the audience.

"Some of the things she had them do were outrageous,"

headquarters, telling them there were spies in the audience and that their mission was to identify these spies. "The funniest thing to me was that some of her secret agents took their shoes off to answer the phone, while others just put their feet to their ears. It was hilarious!" laughed Hashem.

Horton made her group into musicians, tango dancers, and boxers. Faisal Hashem recalled,

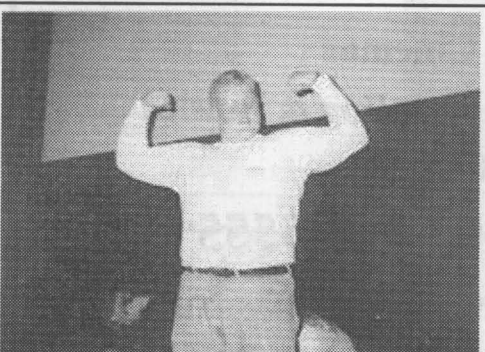
"there was one scene where she told them that the person next to them had an awful smell. They were making faces that were unbelievable! Then she told them the guy next to them had an exotic smell. One guy — he must have been

"It's a good place to take a date," said Keith Crowe. "My date, Meredith Dzwilewski, really enjoyed it." They all agreed that Horton undercharges. "Go as a group or take a date. You can't beat this kind of show for \$7," said Hashem.

Aside from her amazing and hilarious show, Cody Horton is also a hypnotherapist who lives in Golden and can help you with your study habits, relaxation before exams, as well as other issues.



"Boy, that guy smells really bad!"



Mike Thornbrue as a heavyweight boxing champion

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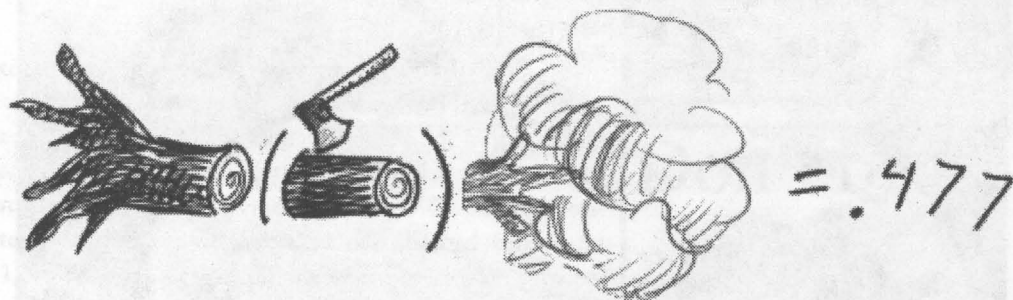
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Uncommon Things

One of the first things you notice when you are in Europe and the United Kingdom is that some common things that we see and do all the time are totally changed. They are much different than what you are used to or would really expect to be different. Things such as "time." The first is that you should get use to looking at clocks and seeing 15:45. Military time, a remnant of the war, is used when trains and other public transport are involved. It can be easier if you have a watch that has both times to eliminate conversion confusions. There is also a way the time can be said: "I'll be there half two." I was always an hour early till I learned, half two=2:30.

The way many people seem to react to distances can easily confuse an American. "It takes ages to get to town": it could be a 15-minute walk. This might stem from geography unless you consider that Texas is twice the size of England. The different accents of the English really do change about every 25 miles. The people there are not used to traveling large distances within their own country on a regular basis. Outside their country, the English are willing to cover any distance. In a class one time, a lecturer (professor) asked the class if anyone had been to New Castle and out of the 45 people (35 of whom were English) in the class, I was the only one who had traveled the four hours.

The act of shopping can be both quite frustrating and pleasant. England is an island, thus having to import numerous different things to survive. In most cases, boy, have they gotten great at it. There is no Wal-Mart as of yet in England. Now if you hate Wal-Mart, do not like being able to get super glue and tires in the same place, great. Go to England and be happy. Wal-Mart has, though, recently merged with a company in England so they might be sprouting up there soon. It is quite possible you might find yourself having to walk around town going to four or five different shops to find what you are looking for, or really, some "Made in England" equivalent. On a nice, slightly breezy day, this can be extremely enjoyable and relaxing. Now if it is cold and raining, it is just not a happy time (thus the pub stops, but that's

another article). If, by chance, you happen to find a shop that has what you want, it might be out of stock. It can possibly take weeks to receive what you are waiting for.

Every Thursday at my university there was a fresh fruit and vegetable sale with fruits and vegetables so fresh that if you go later in the day, everything is cheaper because it could not be packed up again. Huge mangos, juicy strawberries, bright red tomatoes, onions that make you want to cry and even more, all at student prices. What could be better?

If you are feeling slightly ill and need some medicine, what ever it may be, you must go to a pharmacy, even for something just as small as a bottle of Tylenol! They are also behind the counter so you must ask the pharmacist for them and they ask if you have ever taken it before blah, blah, blah—a very long song and dance... The funny part is, they don't have Tylenol and probably have never heard of it. You have to ask for Paracetamol, which is what they call it over there, and it seems to be much stronger than even Extra Strength Tylenol.

By now most Mines students know, but if you are a freshmen listen up: Nyquil and Dayquil are a must-have to make it through flu season. The English equivalent are called Night Nurse and Day Nurse. The way I saw it was that getting the flu in England is like Montezuma's revenge in Mexico. It is just going to happen.

Despite what your reasoning tries to tell you, the cars really do drive on the other side of the road. On average, 10 Americans are killed every year walking across the street. Even after six or eight months of being there, you just forget and as you step out into the street, you look left. The roads there are very small. Just by walking down the street you are constantly amazed by the way cars zoom by each other with inches between them. There is also a sign that you never see anywhere in England, not even in the supermarkets where everyone crams in, that you see all the time in the States: "Compact Car Parking Only." It is because they are all compact cars there. Enjoy.

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The Office of International Programs will hold an informational meeting for students interested in study abroad. On October 12 the meeting will be at 4:00 PM and the October 17 meeting will be at Noon. Meet-

ings will be held in Stratton Hall, room 102 on the 12th and Room 110 on the 17th. This is the last opportunity for students who wish to study abroad during Spring, 2001.

Homecoming 2000 Schedule IT'S A MINER'S PARADISE



The year's Homecoming Committee is pleased to present Rock Comedian Mark Eddie. Mark blends some popular tunes with his own humor for a side-splitting show. Whether it be making a parody of Hootie and the Blowfish or a social commentary on the Rembrandts, he will make you laugh, cry, and then laugh again. Okay, probably a comedian won't make you cry - but there is always the chance.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

11:30 - 1:00	SILVER AND BLUE LUNCHEON	Friedhoff Hall
	Guest Speaker Introduction of Queen and Beast Candidates	
4:00 - 6:30	CHILI AND WING COOKOFF EVENTS	IM Field
	Tug-o-war, Pyramid, Etc. Queen and Beast Voting	
7:00 - (9:00)	VOLLEYBALL GAME	Volk Gym
	CSM vs. Colorado Christian	
After Volleyball	PEPRALLY AND BONFIRE	Clay Pits

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

8:00 - 10:00	COMMUNITY BREAKFAST	Downtown
	Foss Parking Lot	
10:00 - 11:00	PARADE	Downtown
2:00 - 1:00	LUNCH ON YOUR OWN	
1:00 - 4:00	FOOTBALL GAME	Brooks Field
	CSM vs. Mesa State	
4:00 - 6:00	POWDER PUFF GAME AND BAR-B-Q	Brooks Field
7:00 - 8:30	ENTERTAINER	Student Center
	VOLLEYBALL GAME	Volk Gym
	CSM vs. Chadron State	

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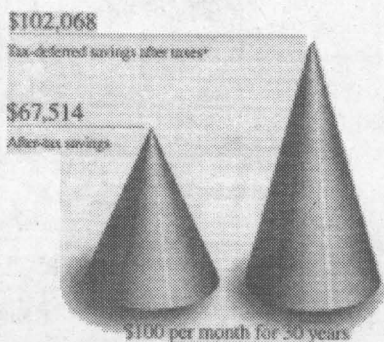
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Drama Superstar De Niro Shows his Comedy Chops in *Parents*

By Brett Maughan

Well, let's chalk the last issue up to old age. The first to go is the mind, eh? I had no review for you because I forgot to go to the office that Monday night, and didn't realize my error until the next morning. And so I will try to give you a little extra this week to make amends. Since the summer movie season ended in mid-August, theater lobbies everywhere were essentially bone dry until two weeks ago, when Disney opened the Denzel Washington, race-charged, high school football true story: *Remember the Titans*. Suddenly there were lines of impatient moviegoers snaking from the box office windows, spilling popcorn in the restrooms, and stacking booster seats on top of high-decibel toddlers, or vice versa. *Titans* combined the right amounts of contemporary hu-

mor, historical accuracy, heart-warming drama, racial tension-resolution, and a superb lead performance that has become a standard of Denzel Washington's work. Despite excessive advertisement (typical of Disney) and a certain lack of subtlety, *Titans* was an immediate smash hit, drawing audiences of all ages, races, and genders. The box office gross was off to the races. Theaters were selling out shows again. More money for the starving artists at Disney.

The following weekend saw another auditorium-filler, *Meet the Parents*, starring Robert De Niro and Ben Stiller, an odd couple if ever I saw one. Much to many a film-buff's surprise, the combination worked in spades. Not to mention that the film has no connection with Disney whatsoever. I feel better about applauding the efforts of filmmakers not tainted by the

demon-worshipping, money-grubbing, corporate sellouts that evolved so long ago from a plucky mouse and a wobbly-legged fawn doomed to live a motherless life in watercolor. But I digress. *Parents* places Stiller in a comic role he is all too used to filling by now, cursed by the worst kind of bad luck, but ever willing to muddle through with the kind of admirable dumb innocence that makes for a lovable hero. Perhaps the best example of his character's sad state is his name, Greg Focker, pronounced exactly as you think it might be in a comedy, with various emphasis as the trouble he gets caught up in escalates. Focker is madly in love with Pam Byrnes (Teri Polo), and the feeling is mutual. But that love is put to the test when they travel to her home for her sister's wedding, and Focker must meet her parents, Jack and Dina Byrnes

(De Niro and Blythe Danner). Focker is in for a real battle when he goes toe-to-toe with Jack, who turns out to be a retired CIA interrogator, a "human lie-detector." While De Niro generally eats up tough-guy, dramatic roles, he nearly steals the show with his comic performance as an eccentric, cat-loving, over-protective-but-well-intentioned father and suitor-deterrent. However, this will come as no surprise to those familiar with his award winning, Oscar-caliber career, built off the foundation of a classically-trained stage actor, which included the occasional comic turn (*Analyze This*, *Wag the Dog*, *Mad Dog and Glory*). De Niro's performance alone is worth the admission price. The added talent of Ben Stiller and supporting actors like Danner and Owen Wilson make it even worth a few concession stand indulgences.

And, if football or romantic comedy isn't your flavor when you find yourself in line at the box office, there is always the re-released *The Exorcist*, which, although a product of 1970's special effects technology, is still one of the most disturbing, knuckle-whitening horror films ever made. But be forewarned, if you will be retiring to a dark and eerily silent house afterwards, don't go alone. Bring a friend. Bring a date. Get some. Get a lot. Have an orgy. There is comfort in numbers. The dark won't seem as frightening with a little warm afterglow. And thus go my words of cinematic wisdom for the week. If my brain chooses to continue functioning normally for the next few weeks, I shall have still more prose for your reading pleasure next issue. Goodnight all, it is past this old man's bedtime.

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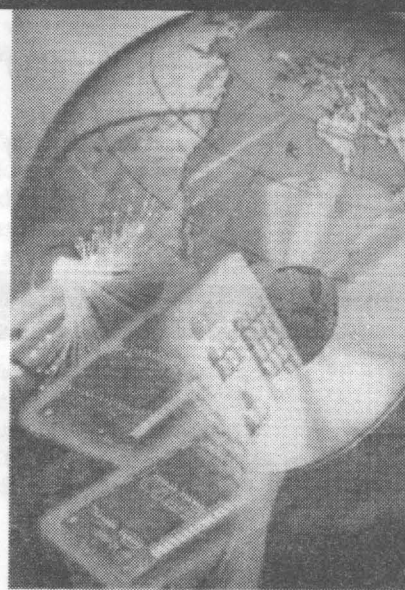
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HAVE TECHNO. WILL TRAVEL

Techno music pervades the European lifestyle, especially in Budapest, where foreign exchange student Josh Boge is spending this next year. Here he expresses his exasperation at the excessive exposure to repetitive renditions and remakes of techno, 80's music and modern pop.

It's dark. You're running through the streets in a feeble attempt to escape it. It's right behind you, breathing, beating, burning, matching your every step. Finally, you submit: you stop running and allow yourself to be taken. It has you; it is techno.

No matter where you go in Budapest, they are playing techno. All the shops in the mall, most of the restaurants, the bars, even Pizza Hut play techno. Right now it's playing outside my window - the other students blast it on a regular basis.

When you go out two, three, or more times a week it can get pretty old, since they usually play the same rotation over and over again. The sad thing is that I don't know any of the song titles. I can recognize a song and decide whether I want to dance to it or not, but I'd be hard pressed to pick out a CD at the shop.

There are, of course, other popular favorites, such as Britney Spears (I like the pictures better), Michael Jackson's "Billie Jean," "Part Time Lover" from the 80's, one of the songs from "Grease," and U2 is a big favorite. I was also pleasantly surprised Tuesday to hear a little Rage. My legs still hurt from the anarchy that took place.

While I like most of the music that's played here, I must admit I miss KBPI. Some times Willi B. and Uncle Nasty just made my day. I particularly miss FSU Friday. How am I supposed to keep up with the latest Korn, Metallica, and Limp Bizkit news?

Fortunately I've brought along my own sampling of fine American music. Whenever I feel the need, I can bump along to a little Beastie Boys or delight in the harmonious melodies of System of a Down.

For now my recommended daily allowance of music is being met, and I see a healthy year ahead of me.

Josh Boge



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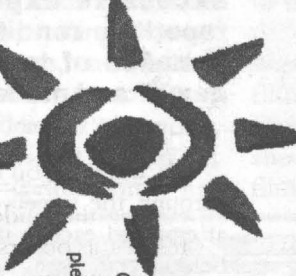
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A Trip to the Hardware Store

By: Keith T. Crowe

I recently took a trip down to Meyer Hardware in downtown Golden. This store has everything! I found stuff for my kitchen, to repair my desk, and even found sporting goods for a weekend trip to the mountains. To top it all off, the sales people were incredibly helpful and knowledgeable; I was very impressed. After using my coupon for two free keys (I found it in the Brunton), I went up and talked with Steve Shaefer, the owner and manager.

Meyer Hardware was opened in 1945 by Steve Shaefer's grandparents, the Meyers. Since its opening it has strived to provide Golden with the best service possible, not only in products, but also in friendly and helpful service. This idea flows over into Meyer's treatment of employees. Many of the people currently employed by Meyer have been working for them for a decade or more because they enjoy the company and the people running it. This store is all about people and making sure that all of their customer's business is as easy as possible.

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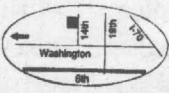
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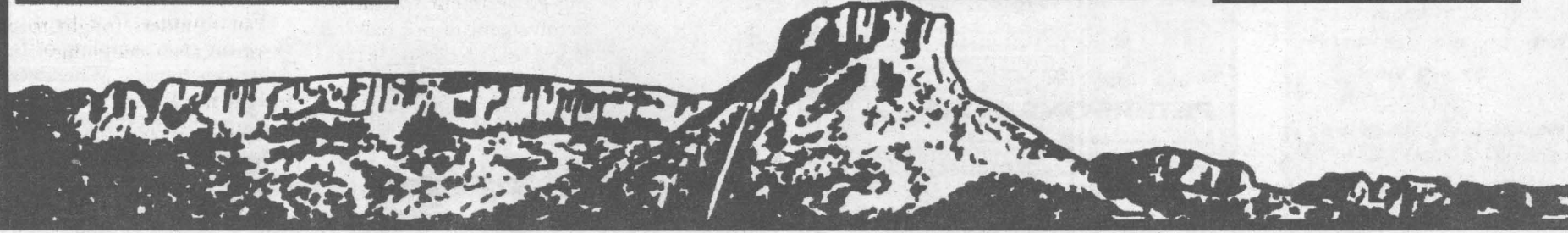
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Women vs. the Stock Market

[This note is the viewpoint of a non-Mines Econ major.]

I think the deepest and most profound thing I learned from all this [namely, life] -- and this may be a stretch-- is that women aren't a whole lot different from the stock market. Their moods and motives shift up and down depending on news and events that break. There are good times to "buy" and good times to "sell." Some are good investments, some are bad. Some are for the short term, others are for going long. But most of all, they're attractive, seductive, and bewitching, and they make you want to get up early the next

morning and watch that ticker tape with intense passion, playing the guessing game of how they'll be affected by the course of the days events, and especially how they'll affect my life personally. It's a high-risk high-return world, not just on Wall Street. And it's an intricately beautiful and delicate system with infinite complexity. It also costs a little something to pay, be it commission fees or potential embarrassment. If you ask me though, it's all worth it, especially if you don't lose any sleep.

Submitted by Misty Haisfield

The Question of Charter Schools

Letter to the Editor

Dear Oredigger,
What exactly is a charter school? Your article left me a little confused. Please define.
Roger Hanson

I'll admit that I was also concerned about the air of vagueness that surrounds this issue. So I called Bill Astle, a candidate running for the Colorado House of Representatives. He was comforting in the sense that he explained to me that this issue is still in flux. It's an issue that is currently in negotiation, so the details are vague.

The phrase "charter school" is a poor one. It perhaps should have been called a contract, compact, or a treaty university. There is no specific goal, but a general goal to grant the university's greater autonomy and yet guarantee the state to maintain a minimum degree of quality. This in itself is not a critical issue at Mines -- everyone knows we have a high degree of quality.

This trade or treaty is not without concerns, however. Astle suggests that the schools be sure of what they can commit to and what they can expect to get from the state. Just because the state guarantees the schools some regulatory relief or an increase in operational autonomy doesn't mean that whatever technique they give won't be pulled back by another agency. Put in the clearest terms, char-

tering where Mines is concerned appears to be a compromise between privatization and state support. The main issues for Mines may well be tuition and tenure. The universities appreciate student aid, but will want to maintain freedom in controlling tenure and tuition. These compromises need to be negotiated very clearly.

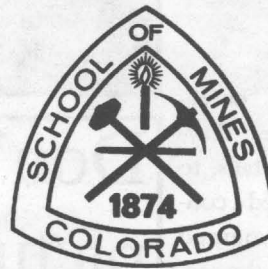
Unfortunately for some time still to come, the whole concept of a charter university will remain, at least for the layperson, more intuitive than concrete, because the negotiations are not yet solidifying. Once they do, the state will periodically test the institutions records to see if they still qualify for the more relaxed attitude.

Furthermore, Mines is limited by state statute to teach minerals, engineering and materials sci-

ences. So we are naturally limited in growth. Freedom from these regulations would allow Mines to grow, impacting tuition, educational variety and many other issues in a positive way, yet bringing also the danger of distancing the students from professors, as occurs in many of the larger institutions. Currently, Mines enjoys the accessibility of professors, faculty and staff, and in many ways behaves as a smaller private institution.

The state and the universities have brought this issue up several times in the past. It's an ongoing issue. The key is the compromise. If you privatized, tuition becomes a prohibitive issue -- state support is a blessing for most people.

Faisal Hashem
and Agata Miodonski



G.W. Bush - the Other Truth

This column is a response to specific points made in Will Sisk's Oredigger Editorial column (v. 81, Issue 2, Sept, 14, 2000, p.9). Perhaps a correction to this regurgitated Democratic National Committee scare letter (disguised as an editorial) will help clear the air. After that, I'll take my turn, and a few facts for a change, on the political soapbox. Here we go!

- "The key is that Gore addresses those (big political) issues whereas Bush ignores them."

What issue? Mr. Sisk did not cite one issue in any specific detail (other than towing generalized leftist rhetoric about tax cuts and capital punishment). If a little investigation were performed, Sisk would have found discussions on approximately 26 issues and many specific proposals from G.W. Bush at his official website¹. Perhaps ignorance is bliss, though.

- "Gore graduated from college, he entered the army and was sent to Vietnam. Bush on the other hand had his influential father bump him to the front of the National Guard waiting list ahead of thousands of others. And now, if chickening out of the war effort wasn't enough, there are doubts about what, if

anything, ...Bush did in the Guard."

The author omits two points:

1. G.W. Bush did graduate from college (an MBA from Harvard). During the Vietnam conflict, he was an F-102 pilot in the cozy confines of the Texas Air National Guard. Again, readily available on Bush's website.

2. While on active duty, Al Gore served as a military journalist while stationed at two military bases near Saigon². I'm sure he still suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder.

The point is, Bush was a pilot who wasn't in Vietnam and Gore was in Vietnam, but not as a soldier. Contrary to Mr. Sisk's carefully crafted one-sided spin, I'll leave you with interpreting which man was (a) better educated and (b) the "war hero".

In the third paragraph, we read the following sentence:

"Did you know that he avoided a debate with Gore for 169 days? Why is that you ask?"

I didn't ask, you did. Here's your answer:

Neither man was officially nominated as the presidential candidate of their respective parties until August 3rd (Bush) and 17th (Gore). The protocol

for presidential debates, established by the Commission on Presidential Debates³, calls for planning (not debating) to begin after Labor Day. According to my calculations, that's about one month ago--making Sisk's argument a sophism.

The last two paragraphs are key to exposing the author's social democrat leanings. Sisk states, "Taxes are good for everyone" and "...(cutting taxes) can't be done." Both assertions are false. Here's why:

1. At the very least, taxes should be thought of a necessary evil. The nasty rich person that is charged an income tax rate of 40% sees the same basic government services (defense, roads, administration, etc.) as the sympathetic poor person paying either a 0 or 15% tax rate, but yet they're charged different rates⁴. I'd say taxes are infinitely better for some than for others. Such a blanket statement is irresponsible.

2. Of course cutting taxes can be done. The apathy inherent to such a statement illustrates how cradle-to-the-grave social programs are allowed putrefy with abuse and inefficiency. We are custodians of the government, not the other way around.

If taxes become oppressive, we can lobby our representatives to bring them down.

According to 1999 Congressional Budget Office statistics, the top 10% of wage earners pay the highest tax rates (39.6%) and account for 63% of the personal income taxes collected in the United States⁵. Such discriminatory taxation meant to expropriate the property of a few in a futile attempt to be more "fair" is not freedom--it's socialism. In the search for equality of outcome, socialism discourages individuals from striving for financial success by replacing economic freedom from government with dependence upon it. The prosperity gap that democrats complain about is growing despite increasing government spending and involvement in our daily lives⁶. Thomas Jefferson once said, "Government that governs least governs best."

Gore has put forth propositions that, if elected, would consume the entire budget surplus over the next 10 years and simultaneously expands government by the largest amount in 30 years⁷. Just who will pay for these programs once the inevitable economic slowdown oc-

curs? Contrary to popular belief among the democratic rank and file, government cannot create wealth for the poor (and "working" class) through the legislation of social programs. Federal government can only transfer this wealth down a concentration gradient. That's why libertarians or conservatives will always have a disadvantage in debates with democrats. Liberals can always paint the rosiest of pictures when it's somebody else's money they're spending.

Investigate each candidate. Don't rely on prepackaged partisan idioms and media bias to decide who will lead the country for the next four years. Above all, get out and vote. It is your responsibility. Failing to vote is the most direct symbol of indifference to the freedom our founders fought to enact, protect, and see endure. Failure to employ your freedom will ensure its eventual confiscation.

Kevin Smith

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Give it up for the Volleyball Orediggers

Karen Martin

Last weekend the Mines volleyball team traveled to Western State and Mesa State.

On Friday night the Orediggers matched up against Western State and lost in three games: 15-11, 15-2, 15-7.

"We did some good things, there were just too many breakdowns in between. As a team we were aware of the things that needed to be done," said Harris.

Harris again view the match as a learning experience that the team could benefit from.

"We had a lot of team and individual moral victories."

The team was victorious on Saturday night against Mesa State.

The Diggers won in four games: 15-13, 9-15, 15-13, 16-14, improving their RMAC

record to 3-5.

According to Harris, "everything worked a lot better. Players paid attention to details, to the little things. We played a controlled match and remained calm even after losing the second game. We have played like that before, but we have never been able to sustain and get the win. It was a team win all around."

This week at practice the team worked on being aggressive. "When we are willing to take the big swings, things work out in our favor. We need to risk it. We were more risky on Saturday and it paid off for us," said Harris.

This weekend the team hits the road again. On Friday they will play at Adams State and on Saturday the Miners will take on Ft. Lewis.



Hodsdon Special Teams Player of the Week

Greg Bollinger

Josh Hodsdon, a sophomore punter/ kicker out of Denver, was named the special teams player of the week for the week of October 2.

Hodsdon punted nine times in the game against UNK for a total of 374 yards an average of 41.6 yards.

He also help seal the nomination with a 47 yard field goal. The Orediggers first field goal of the year.

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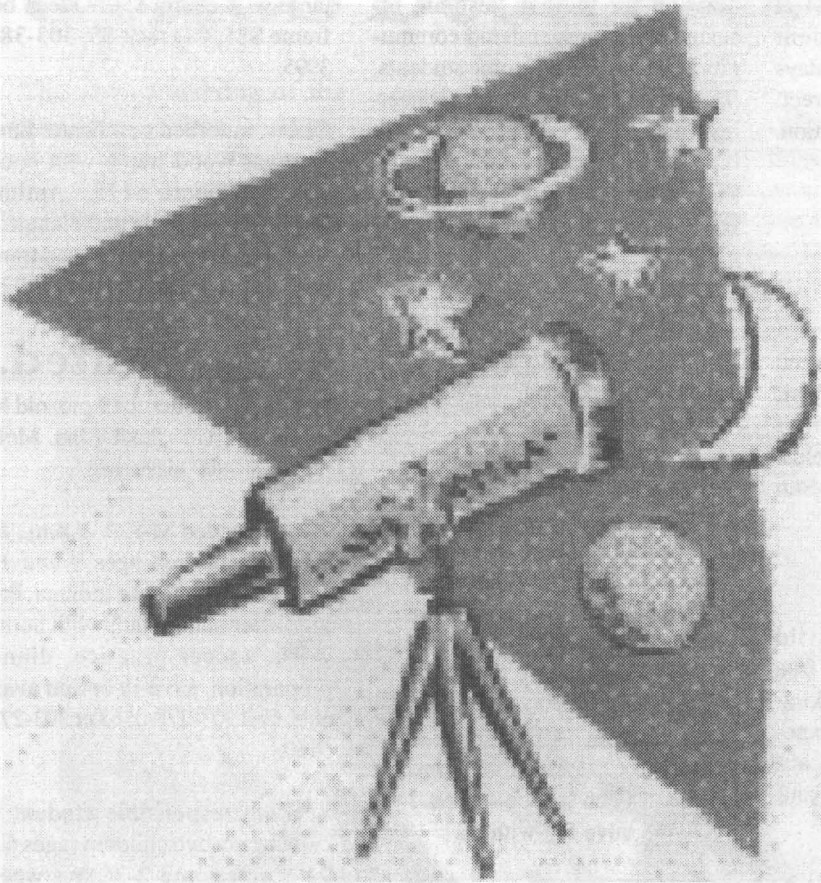
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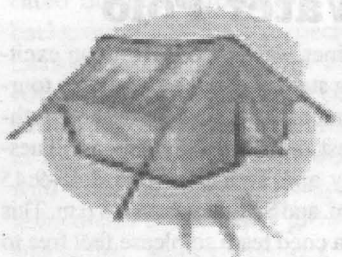
Featuring hot chocolate, Milky Way's and Mars bars.

Wednesday, October 11th – deadline to sign up for Mesa Trail hike (10/21) - \$5

Saturday, October 14th – Mountaineering First Aid course

Saturday, October 21st – Mesa Trail hike

Wednesday, October 25th – deadline to sign up for the Pettingell Peak hike (11/4) - \$15



'Experienced' Gear Sale! Begins Monday, Oct. 23rd!

- 2 person, 3 season tents - \$75
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- Coleman 2 burner stoves - \$35

Two Orediggers Named to the Honorable Mention Squad

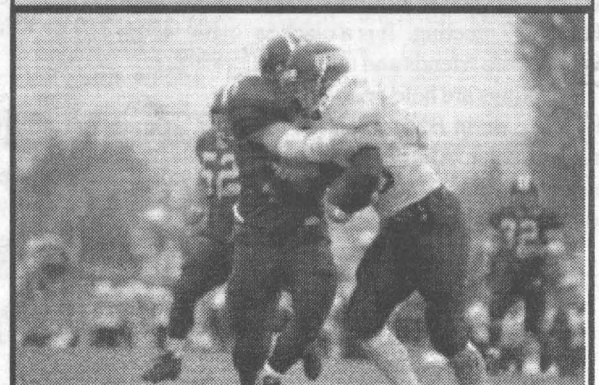
Greg Bollinger

Tolu Lasaki and Andy Nord were named to the honorable mention team for the week of October 2.

Lasaki was named for his outstanding defense against the UNK Lobos. Lasaki had 15 tackles in the game, 12 solo tackles, and a broken up pass.

Nord made the team for his offensive contribution to the game against the Lobos. Nord caught three passes to a total of 33 yards and two touchdowns.

The football team has a home game next weekend against New Mexico Highlands. Game begins at 1:00PM on the 14.



CSM vs FHSU
picture by Douglas Baldwin

Miner Notes

Alpha Phi Omega

CSM's co-ed service fraternity meets Wednesday nights in Meyer Hall 357 at 7 PM. For information on how to pledge (even if you haven't attended any rush events) contact Neil Blazak at nblazak@mines.edu or Lisa Lassner at llassner@mines.edu.

Anime Club

Take a break and watch some cartoons with us. Next showing is Oct. 8, noon, in the ballrooms of the Student Center. It's 100% free. There are also Monday meetings. Contact mhaisfie@mines.edu for info.

ASM/TMS

ASM/TMS has always had strong presence on campus. Nevertheless, starting this semester, MT department head, Dr. J.J. Moore combined all related materials societies into one called Materials Science and Engineering Club (MSEC). This included ISS, ACerS, AWS, and ASM/TMS. We welcome members from all departments on campus. We're planning to have a BBQ, some social events, company visits, as well as inviting some speakers on campus. Questions or comments? Email yhuang@mines.edu.

Ballroom Dance Club

September: Lindy Hop lessons with Kari Crawford. Thursdays, 8:30-10 p.m. Student Center-Ballroom C. Practice sessions starting at 7 p.m. before each lesson. \$18 semester dues, \$4 drop-ins.

CSM Bridge Club

If you like to play cards and want something more interesting than hearts or spades, why not try bridge? The CSM Bridge Club meets every Wednesday evening at 6:00 in the Coolbaugh atrium. Players of all skill levels are welcome.

Campus Crusade for Christ

All are welcome to join us for our weekly 737 meeting. It is a place to hang out with friends and talk about life. Meetings are held every Thursday at 8 p.m. in Ballroom A in the Student Center. Afterwards, we will be going to the Golden Grind for food and fellowship.

Circle K

Come find out about the world's largest student-run service organization. Meetings are held Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. at the Student Center in room 234. For more information contact zachscully@hotmail.com. Free pizza at this Tuesday's meeting.

Earthworks

Are you interested in becoming involved in environmental issues at CSM? Come check out Earthworks. Meetings are held Mondays at 12 noon in Meyer Hall 353. All are Welcome! Questions? Email earthworks@mines.edu.

FCA

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the projection room on the second floor of Volk Gymnasium. All are welcome: Christians, athletes, both or neither. For more information email fbuckner@mines.edu.

Homecoming

Whether you want to play a large or small role in putting Homecoming together this year, we have a place for you on our staff. Meetings are Mondays at 5:30 p.m. in AH 141.

International Society of Explosives Engineers

For a blast of a time come to our next meeting (BB 206) on Monday, Oct. 16 at 6:30 p.m.

International Student Organization

The International Student Organization represents the interests of all internationals at the Colorado School of Mines. Informal meetings are held at the International Office (1404 Maple Street) as needed. We will be holding our biggest event -- International Day, Saturday, Oct. 28. We welcome ideas on activities to further improve the experience of the International students and the Mines community at large. Contact Leslie 303-273-3210 or Kenny 303-215-0449.

Kayak Club

Kayak Club holds pool sessions Mondays from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome, beginners to advanced. Contact Nicole Baert at (303) 273-0507 or email nbaert@mines.edu.

LDSSA

All students are invited to enjoy a guest speaker and lunch for \$1 at the Latter Day Saint Student Association's Friday Forum Fridays at noon at 1212 Arapahoe Street. Email meallen for more information.

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SHPE

Society of Hispanic Engineers (SHPE) will host a Fiesta on September 15 from 4-9 p.m. in the Green Center. There will be FREE food and entertainment (poets, singers, dancers). Come learn about and celebrate Hispanic culture.

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Sigma Lambda is the student organization for the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered community at CSM. We welcome students, faculty, staff, and alumni to our meetings and social events. For more information and upcoming events, visit our web page at http://www.mines.edu/Stu_life/organ/glbe/ or email sigmalambda@mines.edu.

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Water Polo

Mines waterpolo is off to an exciting start. We will be hosting a tournament Sept. 16-17th for the Southwest division. Practices are Tuesday and Thursday from 7:45-9:45 p.m. and Saturday from 1-3 p.m. This is a coed team so please feel free to join us in Volk gym pool.

Women's Ultimate Frisbee Team

Want to have fun, make friends and get in shape? Come be a part of Mines' Women's Ultimate Frisbee Team. No experience is required. Practice is on Kafadar Commons from 4-6 p.m. Tuesdays and 2-4 p.m. Sundays. For more information, call Julie West at 303-278-7431.

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Help Wanted.

Nanny/babysitter for 9 mo. old M-F a.m. thru p.m. - flexible hrs. Molly 303 278-0909 leave msg.

Nanny needed M-F, 3 -7 p.m., for two fun children ages 9 and 11. Near 6th Avenue and Indiana. Provide after-school help with homework, soccer practice, dinner preparation. Live-in option available. Call 303-278-0563 or 303-273-9250.

Seeking responsible student to care for my two children (ages 6 & 9) in my home 2-3 days/week. Hours: 2:30-6:30 Wed, Thurs, Fri. Must have car and be non-smoker. Some light housekeeping. \$9/hour. Lakewood/Green Mtn area. Julie or Paul 303-980-9940.

Female student wanted for occasional childcare. Golden family. Please call Debra 303-278-0099.

Golden mother seeks domestic help; 5-10 hrs/week. Childcare and light housekeeping; fluency in a foreign language (Spanish, French, Italian) a plus! Please call for further information Elaine 278-4436.

Nannies, Childcare. Professional Care for Children Wanted 303-471-0704

CSM students graduating this year with majors in computer science or electrical engineering who are interested in working for Agilent Technologies (Formerly Hewlett Packard) in Colorado Springs. Contact Jason at bikerone@juno.com or 215-6436.

Men Wanted.

Wanted- Two athletic Mines men to teach two energetic cheerleaders the sport of raquetball. Must be able to keep up with our fun personalities and our "not-so-serious" nature. Contact us by email at MinesCheers@hotmail.com

Thanks

The CSM Phonathon wants to thank Silver Creek ski area, Woody's Pizza and Loveland ski area for their generous support this fall semester. Thanks for your help!

Please submit
all Miner Notes
and Classifieds
by Friday,
October 20

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